TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 1999

**OFFICERS**

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**CLUB INFORMATION**

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| **TARC MEETINGS :** | **Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building.** |
| **TARC NETS:** | **VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910** |
| | **FRIENDSHIP - Thursdays at 1830 hrs. on 146.910** |
| | **MOSQUITO - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333** |
| | **TRADERS - Fridays at 2000 hrs on 146.910** |
| **TARC REPEATERS:** | **VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF 444.150** |

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

The "Pot Luck" dinner was enjoyed by all who attended the club's September meeting. The food was excellent and the social after the meal was very nice. Meeting and talking to the families of club members was a real treat. Thanks to all for a job well done in the preparation of such a wonderful choice of delicious food.

October is the month for appointing the TARC Election Committee for the nomination of a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. If you would like to serve on the Election Committee please let me know.

As many of you know we took a lightening 'hit' on the 149.91 and 444.15 repeaters. The antenna and feed line are common to both repeaters. The pre-amp in the 146.91 machine will have to be repaired or replaced. The extent of damage to the 444.15 repeater is yet to be determined. Repairs of both repeaters are being hampered by the abundance of rain. Les, K4SJC; Wes, AF4N and Don, KE4LNS have scheduled several trips to the tower but just can't seem to get in sync with mother nature's on-again off-again showers.

Our club's tailgate/flea market event is rapidly approaching. As mentioned, your club will need your assistance Saturday morning, Nov. 6, at the site - 2459 Cheney Hwy. Anyone interested in taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in the sale, load up your goodies in the trunk of your car and bring same to the flea market.

Hope to see you at the next club meeting, October 26 at 7:00 PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT. 1 W8NVN BILL QUIN
OCT. 4 KF4AOW W. S. DAMPIER
OCT. 9 KE4BBI PENNY POULIN
OCT. 10 N2UIO GEORGE LLOYD
OCT. 13 AF4DP BERNIE FLANAGAN
OCT. 16 N4IPJ MIKE FINEMAN
OCT. 16 AC4WM MITCH MATHENY
OCT. 18 N4MCZ ROD IWAN
OCT. 22 KE4MXG CARL LINEBAUGH
OCT. 23 KE4FFA MONA SKIDMORE
OCT. 23 KF4IGK GRANT HAHNE
OCT. 24 AC4JX DAVE CREASMAN
OCT. 25 K4KON BRUCE HOOVER
OCT. 26 N9FAB LORRAINE TENDICK
OCT. 28 KE4MXH MARILYN LINBAUGH
OCT. 29 KC4VVG WALT HART
OCT. 29 KH6GH ART ZIPPLER
OCT. 29 KE4WJW LORNA BURDICK

### THE JOB APPLICANT

**Submitted by David Jackson via Bud Hughes**

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet. They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified.

Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has been filled." The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been siting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it, or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

### EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR HURRICANE FLOYD

**By Suzan, KF4ZOK and Grant, KF4IGK Hahne**

At 1430 hours on 9/14/99 Suzan (my wife) and I reported for duty as requested at the Parrish Same Day Surgical center to set up emergency communications in anticipation of hurricane Floyd. For those of you who don't know it, the center is turned into an evacuation center for people with special medical needs that would be adversely impacted by the hurricane in one way or another.

When entering the facility, I introduced myself as being with TARC and stated

the reason for being there. Immediately I was shown where the antenna lead in was and made to feel right at home. The cooperation from the staff at the facility was outstanding. This being my first assignment, I was a little nervous but that soon left, and Suzan and I settled in for the duration. We could not have asked for a better group of people to be with under the circumstances.

The night and next morning was uneventful (thankfully) and at 1230 while packing up to leave several of the staff, including the director, stopped by to say how much they appreciated our being there.

The director requested that I pass along her gratitude to all concerned. I would also like to thank all involved, especially Ralph, Dave and Bud. Without them we could not have done such a good job. But for a few things that are not worth mentioning here, there was nothing but professionalism from start to finish.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve my community with such a fine organization.

## FW: SUPPORT OF BEARS

**From Clayton Bennett via Ralph Hall**

As most of you know, we have an organization here called Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Services (BEARS). This group uses ARES and RACES rules and regulations and all the ham clubs in Brevard County support it enthusiastically.

BEARS was used during Hurricane Floyd with a central net control set up at the E.O.C. in Rockledge and other net controls set up in the North, Central and South Brevard areas. Our BEARS group has been in effect for several years now and is growing in the number of hams that participate and also we are getting recognition from around the county.

The problem is basically money. BEARS is a 501 (C ) (3) organization. We have two emergency vehicles which have to be maintained along with the insurance. The only income we have coming in is from personal donations and from several hams who donate through the United Way.

The reason I am writing this is the United Way Fund Drive is about to begin. Last year I wrote in 'Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Services on my pledge card. BEARS is not listed in the United Way brochure, but you can write it in. Since most people do contribute to United Way and do not designate a particular agency, you could write in BEARS for all or part of it. Actually I split it between BEARS and the Salvation Army.

If anyone wants to do this, please let me know and I will give you the complete address that needs to go on the card. Call me, Clayton Bennett, KA4NHW at home, 724-0492 or at work, 729-4679. Thanks.

## SATELLITE RADIO IN YOUR CAR SOON TO BECOME REALITY

**from CyberSKIP 9/99**

LCC International, Inc., one of the world's largest RF engineering and system deployment services firms, announced a contract with SX Satellite Radio Inc. to expand SM's terrestrial repeater network from an initial 30 markets to the remaining 40 markets of SX's coast-to-coast network.

According to C. Thomas Faulders III, LCC's newly appointed Chairman, President and CEO, "...We believe XM is now positioned to build a terrestrial network that will be second to none in terms of quality and footprint."

XM is committed to changing the way America listens to radio. It hopes to deliver up to 100 channels of digital audio service with crystal-clear sound from coast to coast. For less than $10 a month, subscribers will receive the best, most compelling mix of digital-quality music, talk, news, sports and entertainment formats available.

According to XM, they will supplement its satellites, filling in gaps in coverage caused by tall buildings, with a terrestrial repeater network. Hughes Space & Communications and

Alcatel are building three HS702 satellites for SM satellite Radio. They will be the most powerful communications satellites ever ordered. XM plans to position two of the satellites in geostationary orbit; one positioned at 115 degrees West longitude and the other at 85 degrees West longitude.

The XM capable radio and audio systems will be manufactured and distributed by Pioneer Electronic Corporation the Sharp Corporation. The chipsets for the special SM tuner section, digital decoder, audio decoder chip and controller will be designed and manufactured by STMicroelectronics, the world's leading supplier of power solid-state devices for car radio manufacturers.

**E-MAIL FROM PAUL BERNHARDT, WD4EBA**

The following has apparently been attributed to State Representative Mitchell Kaye from GA. I hope this guy runs for President.

"We, the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior and secure the blessings of debt free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional and other liberal bedwetters. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim that they require a Bill of No Rights.

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful. Do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, or intentionally maim or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat, or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII: You don't have the right to demand that our children risk their lives in foreign wars to soothe your aching conscience. We hate oppressive governments and won't lift a finger to stop you from going to fight if you like. However, we do not enjoy parenting the entire world and do not want to spend so much of our time battling each and every little tyrant with a military uniform and a funny hat.

ARTICLE IX: You don't have the right to a job. All of us sure want all of you to have one, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE X: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have to pursue happiness - which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights."

If you agree, we strongly urge you to forward this to as many people as you can. No, you don't have to, and nothing tragic will befall you should you not forward it. We just think it is about time that common sense is allowed to flourish. Call it the age of reason revisited.

## UNIVERSALLY USEFUL 'GOOP'

**From QSL Hints & Kinks 10/99**

Some years ago our local hardware store started carrying GOOP in its adhesives display area. (This is not the Goop sold as a mechanics hand cleaner.) Some specific need in the past caused me to purchase GOOP for its particular properties. It's a gelatinous, clear, sticky preparation with the consistency of thick honey. Its advantages are that it sticks to almost anything, except moisture. So one can use wet fingers to shape the adhesive without it sticking to the skin. It dries to a tenacious, semi-flexible, space-filling mass. It stiffens enough to hold things in position after one-half-hour or so of drying. It comes in various packaging for plumbing, mechanical, woodworking and other applications, but it all appears to be the same preparation.

For clean-up it can be 'rolled' like rubber cement, particularly shortly after application - and up to one hour later. It allows handling in a few hours, and full strength is achieved overnight. It never hardens completely, so it can be removed with some struggling. Parts can then be cleaned of any remaining GOOP by peeling it off. I have found GOOP somewhat soluble in Xylol. This helps in cleaning or if you need to dilute GOOP some.

I have used this universal adhesive for so many things it is hard to recall them all. When dry, it seals against water. It locks nuts and bolts, but still allows removal. It seals coax connectors or insulates connections in tight places. I also use it to hold conductors in place. I probably go through a tube a month.

I was prompted to write about GOOP when I read the July 1999 Hints and Kinks article about using "bread wrapper clips" for labeling wires. (It turned out the my wife already had a bunch saved.) The thought jumped into my mind that one could easily add a drop of GOOP to close the back of the clip and keep it from *ever* coming off (unless you wanted it off). Optionally, you could anchor the tag in one spot along the cable, depending how much GOOP you apply.
*Walt Brackmann, WA6SJA, Apple Valley, CA*

## THINGS TO PONDER

>If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
>If people from Poland are called 'Poles', why aren't people from Holland called 'Holes'?
>If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
>When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?
>Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.
>When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
>Why is it a person who plays the piano is called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?
>Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
>Why isn't 11 pronounced onety one?

# ABELL'S ANECDOTES

**By Pike W4EPU**

## HOW TO CATCH A SEA TURTLE

**WARNING!** Don't try this at home! At home meaning in waters anywhere in and around Florida or the USA. Because those large and beautiful creatures are protected to the fullest extent of the law. However, out in the Mid Pacific Ocean, at least back in the 50s, turtles were a source of gourmet food for the natives.

Clara and I lived on the Island of Saipan, Marianna Islands for a couple of years back in those days. Near the compound where we lived and worked was the native village of Tanapag. The villagers were of the "Kanake" race and natives of the islands. The Kanakes were excellent seamen and obtained their main staple food from the sea. They used nets, hand spears and other primitive methods to catch their prey, which included fish, lobster, squid, turtle and many other sources of seafood.

There was a large lagoon on the west side of the island formed by coral reefs. A friend named Don and I had a boat in which we spent a lot of our leisure time in the lagoon scuba diving, spear fishing, etc. One of the Kanake natives named Enrique, who spoke very little English, went out with us occasionally. He taught us a lot about the lagoon, the sea and its habitat. A common sight was large turtles swimming in the lagoon Enrique asked us many times to take him and his colleagues turtle hunting. We had no idea what it was all about but finally agreed to do it.

One morning we met Enrique and three of his native colleagues at Tanapag which was on the water front. We all boarded the boat and headed out into the lagoon. We soon spotted a large turtle swimming three or four feet below the surface. Enrique instructed us to pull the boat alongside and move along with the turtle. One of the natives dived in the water, grabbed the front part of the turtle shell and held on while the turtle was frantically swimming and pulling him along. It seemed like a full minute had passed when another Kanake jumped in and relieved the first one. They took turns until the poor turtle was so exhausted he gave up and surfaced. That is when all of them jumped in the water and somehow managed to heave the turtle into the boat. It must have weighed several hundred pounds. Two or three of the natives, as I recall, swam all the way back to shore in order not to overload the boat.

We immediately returned to Tanapag with their catch. We were met at the waterfront by a crowd of enthusiastic villagers. They dragged the turtle to the center of the village where they proceeded to dress him out while the village chief supervised the operation. The whole thing was done in somewhat of a ceremonial fashion.

Enrique told Don and me to come back later and he would give us some turtle meat, which we were really looking forward to. When we went back, Enrique was very apologetic in telling us that the chief refused to let him give us any turtle meat. In his broken English he told us: "Chief say, turtle no for Americans. Only for Kanake." 73s cs 88s.

## TREASURERS REPORT

**By Becky Lee, KF4HTB**

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| Balance forward from 1998 | $6634.75 |
| Deposits Year to Date | 3870.51 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **$10505.26** |
| Expenditures | 6182.96 |
| **BALANCE AS AT 9/30/99** | **$4322.70** |

## SEPTEMBER MINUTES

**By Becky, KF4HTB**

September is the traditional month for the annual TARC pot luck dinner. This year's event was as enjoyable as all the others have been.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on October 26 at the Jaycee Building on N. Singleton St. at 7:00 PM.

**CONVERSATION BETWEEN ME - CLYDE, K4EOS AND MY DOCTOR PRIOR TO KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY:**

Clyde: "Doctor, will my golf game be good after my recovery?'
Doctor: "I don't see why not."
Clyde: "Great, cause it was lousy before."

I want to express my thanks to all of you who visited, called, sent cards and prayed for me during my recent surgery. A caring friends is good medicine and the easiest kind to take.

**NOTICE**

**DAVE CREASMAN HAS CHANGED HIS CALL SIGN FROM AC4JX TO NB5EM**

# *City of Titusville*

Fire and Emergency Services Dep

September 29, 1999

Bud Hughes, President
Titusville Amateur Radio Club
4835 Santa Rosa Avenue
Titusville, Florida 32780

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Now that we have almost returned to normal and the threat of Hurricane Floyd is long past, I wanted to express the appreciation of the City of Titusville to the members of TARC, and most especially to your Net Control operator Dave Creasman, for the dedicated and outstanding public service you provide to our city during our emergency events. The role that your organization plays in maintaining communications within our shelters and our EOC area is vital. In the event of a failure of our normal communication systems throughout the city, TARC's ability to maintain emergency communications will become critical and crucial to our on-going emergency efforts.

I cannot overemphasize the appreciation and gratitude of our emergency management team. On behalf of your City, please accept our thanks and recognition of TARC's superb efforts and the volunteer hours each of your members expend each and every day, helping to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Richard Talbert, Emergency Manager

RT/km
C: Tom Harmer, City Manager
Fred Jodts, Planning Section Chief
fc: K-Hurricane Floyd

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 233 (160 regular, 55 family, 12 honorary, 6 other)

**NEW** MEMBERS: **NONE**

**RENEWALS:**

WD4EBA PAUL BERNHARDT
AC4KU AL SANFORD
KD4ZAH JEWEL SANFORD
KO4NQ FRENCHY POULIN
KE4BBI PENNY POULIN
WB4PXO JIM MORGAN
W5RAQ RON RICHARDSON
W2STS JESSE LEGRAND
KC4UUX ALAN MARSDEN
KF4NSY CHRIS MARSDEN
KD4ITX NANCY MARSDEN
KF4DTC ABBIE MARSDEN
KF4LUA GRWN COLVIN
KF4UXT JIM TYNER
KF4VAK MARY TYNER
KC4VMP JIM CLARK
KC4VMQ DONNA CLARK
KF4ZOJ G. K. PACE

**HAMFESTS:**

10-16/17 W. Palm Beach
10-29/30 Jacksonville
11-6 Titusville
11-6 Sorrento
11-13 Port St. Lucie